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PATENT
Attorney Docket No.: 02307O-113800US
Client Ref. No.: 2001-471-1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

HAMMOCK et al.

Application No.: 09/867,963

Filed: May 29, 2001

For: DIHYDROXY UNSATURATED
FATTY ACID LEVELS AS
DIAGNOSTIC MARKERS

Examiner: Guo, Lynda

Art Unit: 1651

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Applicants respond herein to the Office Action dated November 1, 2002 (the "Action"). A petition for an extension of time and the appropriate fees accompany this response.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please **replace** page 2, lines 3-20, with the following:

a
The leukotoxin pathway appears to be involved in regulation of vascular permeability, and failure to regulate vascular permeability is associated with a variety of vascular diseases including adult respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS). ARDS is a